XIV Annual Conference
International Program Evaluation Network
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Conference Theme:
"Evaluation for Development: from Implementation to Impact"

There is a growing recognition that evaluation helps to improve effectiveness of public policies, strategies, programs and projects. This recognition leads to a greater demand for and an increasing use of evaluation. Evaluation is becoming an important development instrument grounded in the use of empirical data and their analysis.

Increase in evaluation's impact on the processes of socio-economic development – at the level of programs, projects, as well as organizations or countries as a whole – serves as a strong impetus for development of evaluation as a profession, which in turn poses many extraordinary challenges and questions for evaluation community.

In our region, the process of evaluation development as a profession goes in parallel with its introduction into the practice of government agencies, nonprofits and businesses. Some countries have already established comprehensive national monitoring and evaluation systems and mechanisms for use of M&E results in the decision-making processes, while others are still in the process of setting national M&E systems. The situation in nonprofit and business philanthropy sectors is similar.

Join us at IPEN 2014 Conference to discuss current trends and experiences with introduction and development of evaluation in the region and beyond. The conference plans to address such issues as the development of regulatory frameworks supporting introduction and use of evaluation; effective mechanisms for integration of evaluation into the operation of government and non-government agencies; ways of engaging the public in conducting evaluations; methodology and methods of applying evaluation at its various stages – from design to acting upon evaluation results, etc.

Conference working languages are Russian and English.

We kindly invite all interested specialists to submit proposals for conference presentations – both on the theme of the conference and on any other topic related to methodology and practice of evaluation.

All proposals should be submitted by e-mail no later than **May 15, 2014**.
Applicants will be notified on the results of review of their proposal by June 1, 2014.
Conference program will be made public on June 1, 2014.